



Annual Report 2020

The Mission of the Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to partner with and support individuals and their families to discover, pursue, and achieve maximum independence in their community.

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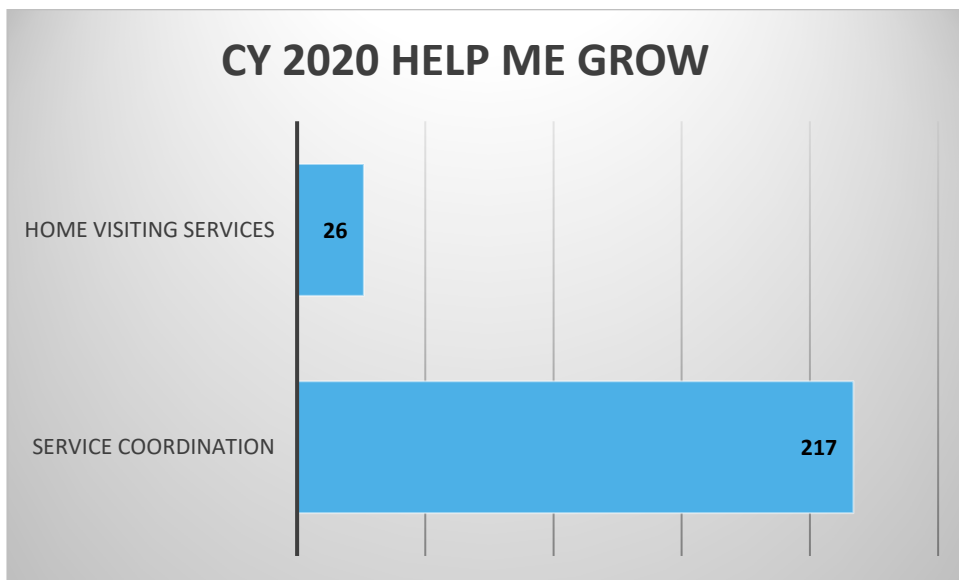
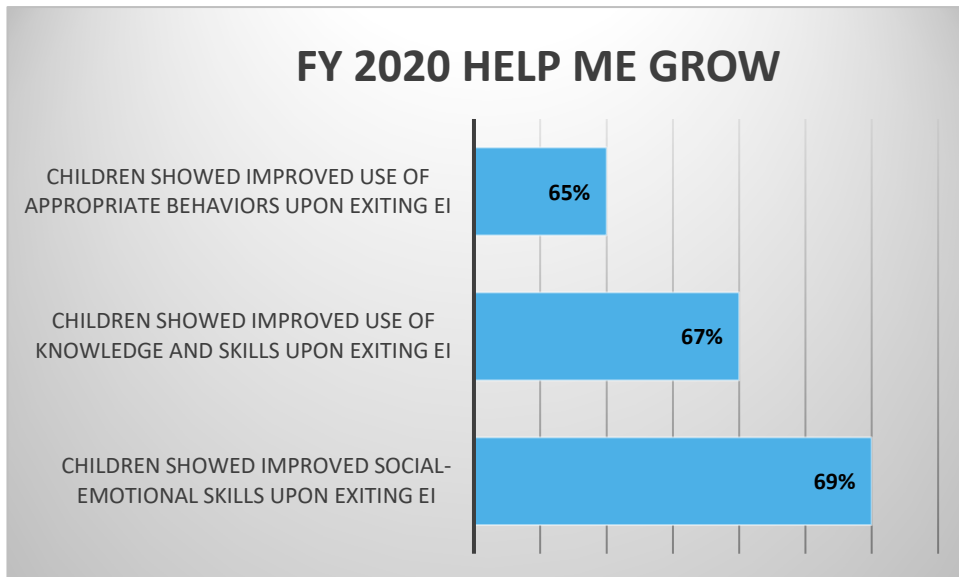
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“The Board of DD is committed to acting as the single point of contact that promotes family-centered programs for expectant parents, newborns, infants, and toddlers – including those with disabilities and their families.”

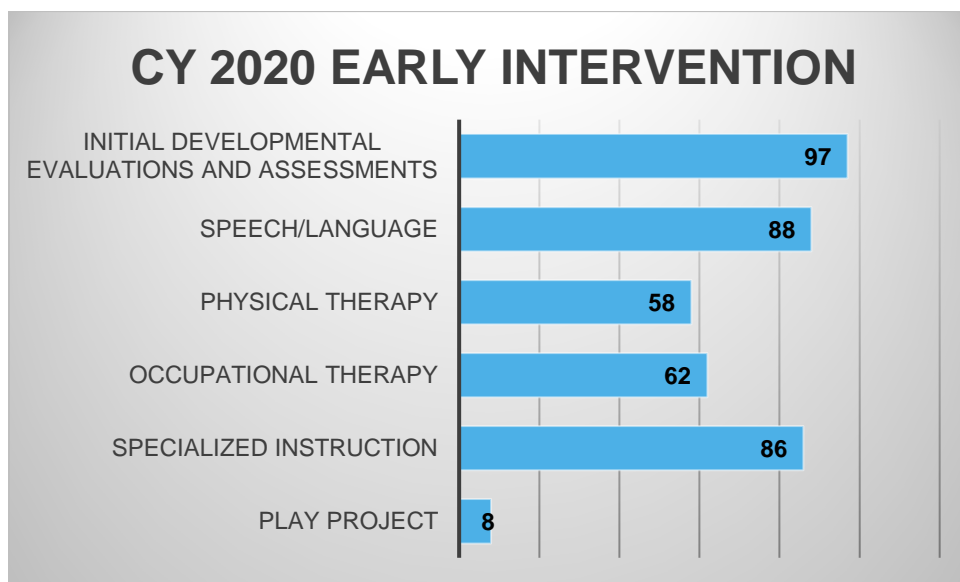
EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES



“Early Intervention Staff and the Board of DD feel strongly that identifying and addressing developmental delays in children between the ages of 0-3 is vital.”

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

176 FAMILIES SERVED



100% OF ALL 2020 SERVICES WERE PROVIDED IN FAMILIES' HOMES OR OTHER NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS.

“The Board of DD acts as a partner with the ESC and all county schools. The Board is committed to preparing students for life after school and accomplishes this with specialized staff that attend IEP Meetings, educate school faculty, and empower students to make life choices that best serve them.”

SCHOOL AGED / TRANSITION

2020 Outcomes:

1. Provided a summer community exposure program to five youth between 14-15 years old. They participated in social activities to increase interpersonal skills.
2. Provided a summer work exposure program to three youth between 16-17 years old. They participated in job tours and gained a deeper understanding of work opportunities in Mercer County.
3. Provided a summer work / competitive employment opportunity to five young adults who were at least 18 years old and transitioning out of school.

*** Due to the pandemic, provider capacity was severely limited thus affecting our ability to offer these services.*

“The Board of DD values every opportunity for community inclusion. We feel our clients and the overall community are enriched by everyone’s involvement in their community, to the extent they desire.”

COMMUNITY INCLUSION / INTEGRATION

2020 Outcomes:

1. Agreed to provide additional administrative assistance to the Arc of Mercer County. The Board of DD was awarded over \$160,000 to assist the Arc of Mercer County at securing their 12th home to serve individuals with disabilities (5 in Celina, 5 in Coldwater, 1 in Maria Stein, and 1 in St. Henry).
2. Worked with the Arc of Mercer County and Special Olympics to begin expanding opportunities for individuals.

“Mercer County has a culture that places a high value on employment. The board values this culture and has relationships with providers that create opportunities for individuals to be successful at working within the community.”

“Due to DODD and CMS rule changes, the emphasis is towards community employment and away from facility-based employment.”

EMPLOYMENT

Our statistics at the beginning of 2020:

1. Every eligible adult (18+) identified their place on the path to employment and their career plan.
2. The Board served 13 individuals who have retired from the workplace.
3. The Board partnered with three separate and distinct agencies to provide employment services.
4. The Board supported 23 individuals in group (enclave) settings to eventually build the skills for competitive employment.

Beginning March, 2020, Day Waiver providers were not permitted to provide services, per DODD, in response to the Pandemic.

Beginning in June, 2020, providers were given the green light to slowly and with very limited capacity, begin to provide services.

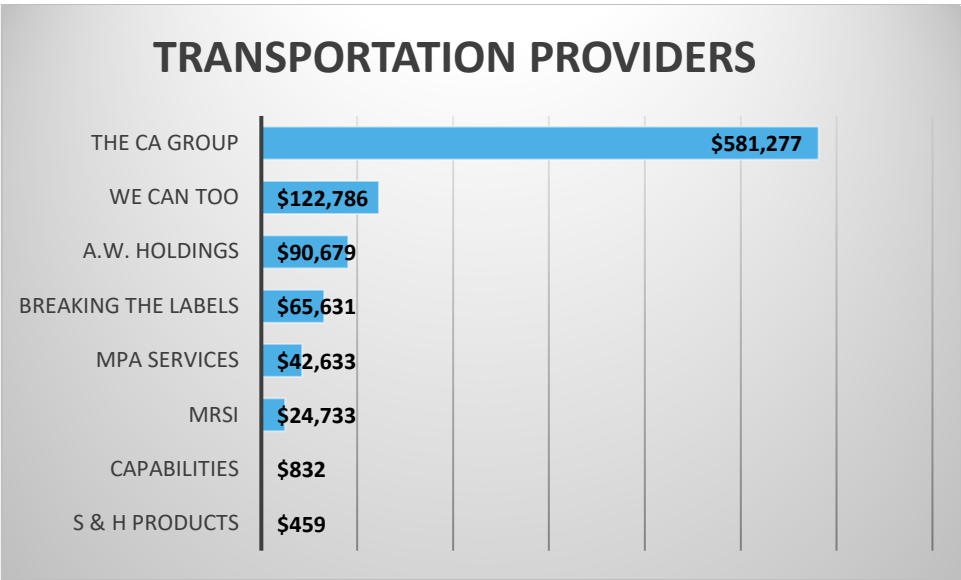
With direction from DODD, by the end of 2020, we had returned to approximately 40% of individuals receiving the same services they were prior to March 2020.

“Transportation services are vital for community integration and integrated employment. It can also be the largest barrier to overcome for individuals with disabilities. It is the Board’s intent to provide multiple options for transportation.”

TRANSPORTATION

2020 Outcomes:

1. Added a new day program / transportation provider in 2020.



“The Board values and encourages self-advocacy and believes each person is the author of their own destiny. Staff work with every individual we serve to find their voices and express their wants and desires.”

ADVOCACY / EDUCATION

2020 Outcomes:

1. Conducted five SALT (Student to Adult Life Transition) Programs to educate individuals and families.
2. ESC transition teachers regularly consult with the Board’s Transition Specialist for information regarding available services and assistance available to their students.
3. Financially participated in the DSP (Direct Support Professional) Ohio efforts to recruit additional employees for providers.

“Writing a person centered plan is pinnacle to identifying and insuring people are receiving the services they want to assist in achieving their goals. The Board values a quality relationships between individuals, their loved ones and their SSAs.”

PERSON CENTERED PLANNING

2020 Outcomes:

1. All SSAs received on-going Person Centered coaching training offered by DODD.
2. Focused on increasing meaningful outcomes for services.
3. SSAs were offered technology options to be more mobile and to work more efficiently.

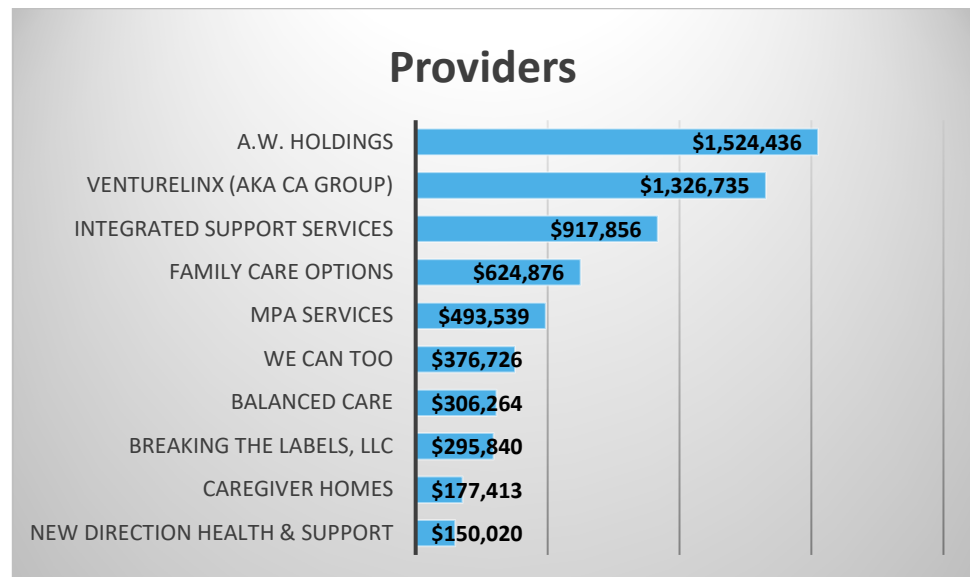
SSAs were thrust into a world of working remotely and having to refocus efforts on ensuring basic needs were being met in a safe manner. They were no longer holding large planning meetings but were instead leading meetings via Zoom and over the phone. Focus became survival and safety not long term planning.

“As we move forward from being a provider of services, we will need to find best ways possible to support our providers in delivering quality and consistent services to our clients.”

PROVIDER RELATIONS

2020 Outcomes:

1. Board of DD contracted Medicaid services to 21 agency providers and 22 independent providers (an increase of 11 independent providers). Medicaid service costs exceeded \$100,000 with ten providers.



“The Board of DD receives the majority of its funding from local taxpayers. The Board takes this responsibility very seriously.”

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

2020 Outcomes:

1. The Board desires to carry over finances that are equal to or greater than the average expenses of four months.

\$5,439,354.61

CARRY OVER BALANCE

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\$526,563.54

AVE MONTHLY EXPENSES

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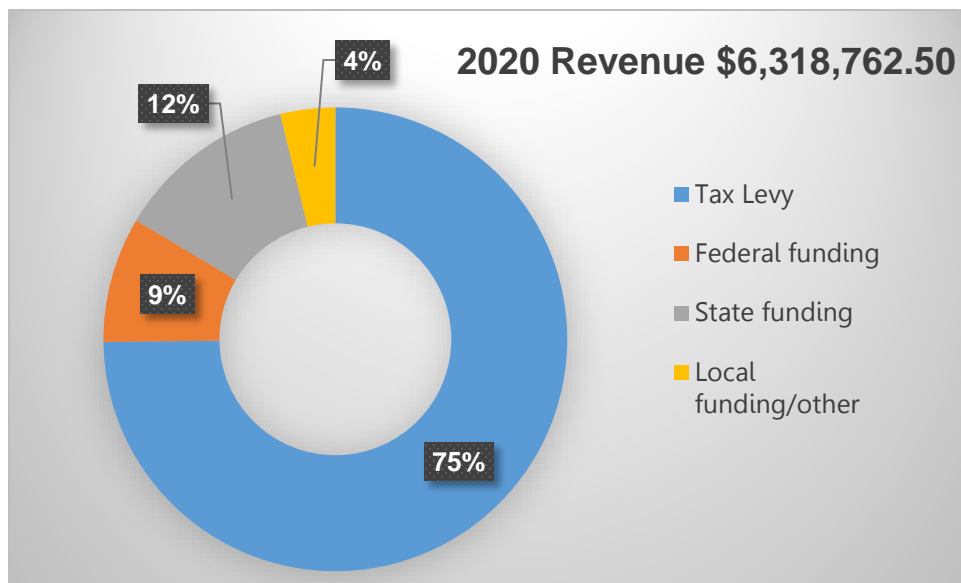
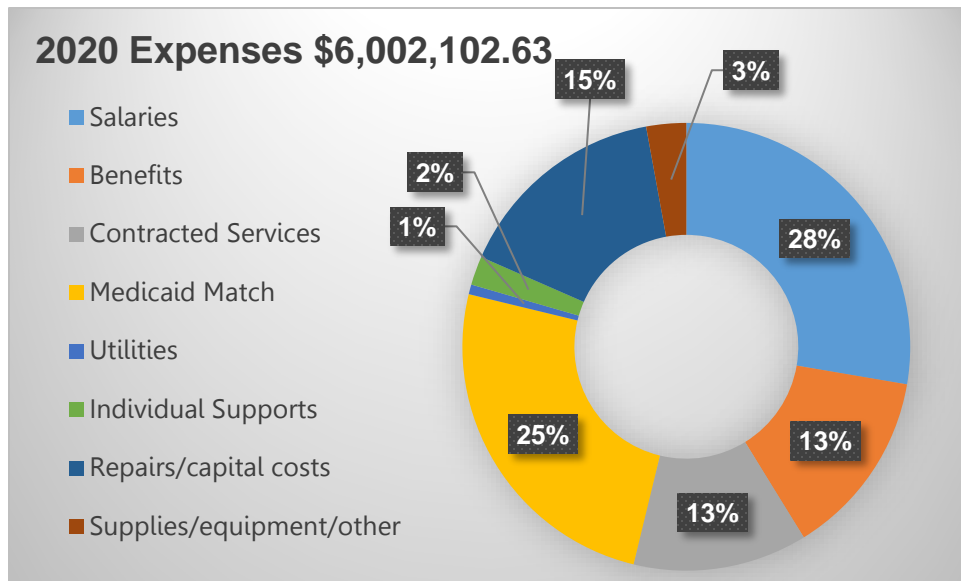
MONTHS

2. SSA Productivity was 54.75%.

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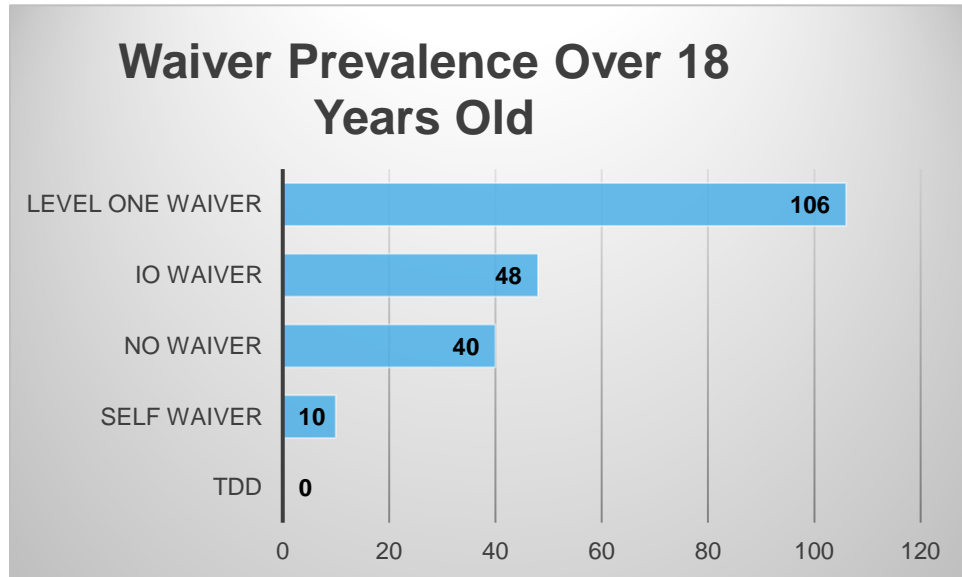
FISCAL MANAGEMENT

2020 Outcomes:



“The Board of DD provides the funding for services from local funds and/or Medicaid. All DD eligible individuals have access to SSA services and varying levels of local services.”

WAIVER PREVALENCE



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